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Pennsylvania Milk Cash Receipts Down 27 Percent in 2015

HARRISBURG, PA – Cash receipts in Pennsylvania from marketings of milk during 2015 totaled \$1.99 billion, 27 percent lower than 2014, according to King Whetstone, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Regional Field Office. Producer returns averaged \$18.50 per hundredweight, 28 percent below 2014. Marketings totaled 10.7 billion pounds, 1 percent above 2014. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 69 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 5 percent more than 2014. Calves were fed 83 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

Pennsylvania milk production increased 1 percent in 2015 to 10.8 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 20,387 pounds, was 266 pounds above 2014. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 530 thousand head, unchanged from 2014.

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